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Subject: SI and H Experimentation, 29 April 1953

On Wednesday, 29 April 1953, H experimentation and research was conducted by [redacted] and [redacted] (was absent) with the following new volunteers: [redacted] who had originally intended to accompany the group was absent...

A In view of the fact that this was the first effort for the new subjects, approximately one hour of the total time was devoted to a security briefing and a general briefing of the work of the girls in connection with the overall ARTICHOKE program. Thereafter, the writer took each one of the girls in turn and tested them on the standard "falling back" tests and all subjects responded in a more or less average fashion. After some discussion, the writer then tested all subjects on the "hand rising" test. Results were fair only with some of the girls responding to a slight extent and others showing little inclination to respond to the suggestion. However, the writer does not regard this as unusual since all were new subjects and close together at the time.

Again at the conclusion of this test, a general discussion was entered into after which a very slow "relaxation" induction was run by the writer with all subjects participating. On this test, [redacted] and [redacted] apparently approached a light sleep state but [redacted] was unable to do anything in the test apparently because of a nervous type of agitation.

In general, it may be said the tests were completely inconclusive and in the opinion of the writer all subjects acted somewhat below average which was due to the fact that people were very closely associated with each other and the girls could not concentrate as well as if only two had been present. All tests were conducted by the writer since he wished [redacted] and [redacted] to listen to his explanations of the security factors involved and listen to the general briefing on new subjects. Furthermore, the writer felt that the main objectives of the night were not to produce exceptional results in the tests but to obtain the interest and future co-operation of these subjects.